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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

My wife and I had a wonderful holiday in Los Angeles. Our tour included a pre parade review of the Rose Bowl Parade floats, excellent seats for the parade and a post parade look at all the floats. All the floats were beautiful and the composition of the floats was unbelievable. Fellow member Walter Ostremecki generously took us on a tour of many of the local attractions including the Tar Pits, Union Station, the walk of stars, Gruman's Chinese Theatre and the original settlement of Los Angeles. Thank you Walter. The weather co-operated and we had excellent weather for the entire trip except for the first day when it was raining when we arrived. Unfortunately Walter was not able to locate any coin shops that had any Canadian tokens or wooden nickels so that part of my trip was a slight disappointment.

Our next major event is the Vancouver Olympics. We are flying in to Vancouver for two Olympic curling matches on February 17th and are returning to Calgary the same day. I hope to do a bit of pin trading at the curling venues and we may be able to make it to down town Vancouver to see some of the other Olympic activities. Unfortunately we will not have time to look for wooden nickels or tokens at any of the local coin shops on this trip.

I have received many renewals for 2010 membership and I would like to remind the few that still have not renewed that is now time to renew your membership. This is the second last bulletin you will receive if you have not paid your dues by the end of March. If you have any questions on your membership status please e-mail me at [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca) or please phone me at 403-273-6133. You can also reach me at Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3C1.

Although it is still many months before our meeting at the annual convention of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association in Saint John, New Brunswick in July, it is not too early to start considering if you are planning to attend. My wife, Marion, and I plan to attend and look forward to meeting anyone from the East coast area of North America who can make it to our annual meeting. We have started preliminary discussions with Paul Johnson, of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association and our breakfast is scheduled for 8 am on Saturday, July 17th in Saint John. We hope to hold the price to \$20 to make it affordable for any CAWMC member at the convention to attend. Hope to see you there.

Good collecting. Al

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

We have just received word that one of our newer members has passed away. Wayne MacFarlane # 541 died last November the 5th after a short illness. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

**PAST PRESIDENTS:**

Garry Braunwarth: 1975 - 1977

Victor Hall: 1977 - 1979 \*

Don Robb: 1979 - 1981

Stanley Clute: 1981 - 1983

Neil Probert: 1983 - 1985

Norm Belsten: 1985 - 1991

Pat White: 1991 - 1995 \*

Lou Vesh: 1995 - 2001

Earl Salterio: 2001 - 2003 \*

Norm Belsten: 2003 - 2005

(\* Deceased)

## ***FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH***

### **Story and wood *donated by Judy Blackman***

### **2010 Chinese New Year is Feb. 14th, 2010**

**tiger:**

Chinese Pinyin: hu3

Chinese New Year begins according to the Chinese calendar which consists of both Gregorian and lunar-solar calendar systems. Because the track of the new moon changes from year to year, Chinese New Year can begin anytime between late January and mid-February.

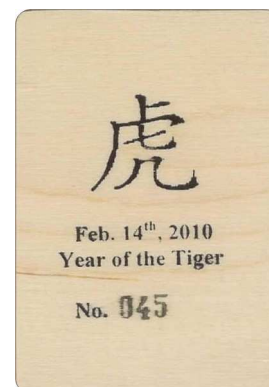
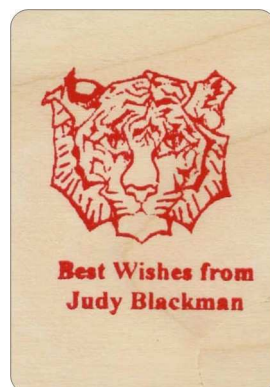
According to Chinese folklore, every person has personality traits that are the same as their animal birth sign: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep / Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig

#### **Personality Traits of the Tiger:**

Tigers are romantic, lovable, magnetic and independent. The tiger is an optimist. You are brave, kind, daring and full of feeling. You might be a race car driver, animal trainer, reporter, or soap opera star.

#### **Famous People born in the Year of the Tiger:**

Beethoven, Rosie O'Donnell, Queen Elizabeth II, Jay Leno, Jane Pauley, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Hugh Hefner, Wesley Snipes, Marilyn Monroe, Martin Short, Stevie Wonder, Kenny Rogers, Jodie Foster, Tom Cruise



I was born in the year of the Horse (1954):

#### **Personality Traits of the Horse:**

A horse person loves freedom. You are cheerful, talkative, a hard worker, and a bit of a show off. Horses will compliment to get a compliment. You are headstrong, quick-minded and don't tolerate those who are not "up to speed." Able to do ten things at once, the horse dislikes idleness. You will be best as an explorer, writer, or debutante.

#### **Famous People born in the Year of the Horse:**

Howard Stern, Chris Evert, Rembrandt, Lisa Bonet, Mike Tyson, William Baldwin, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Kathleen Turner, Halle Barry, Billy Graham, Clint Eastwood, Ron Howard, Jerry Seinfeld, Paul McCartney, Denzel Washington

### **CAWMC OFFICERS**

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**ROSS KINGDON, WAYNE GILLCASH,**  
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**Membership dues in the Canadian Association**  
**Of Wooden Money Collectors are:**

**Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds****United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds****International Members Rate (outside of Canada****And the U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds****Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00****Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643****Stn. 'M' Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1**

## GEOCACHING IN THE SHUSWAP

Article by Al Munro

With information supplied by Jim Smith and Eric Jensen

Eric Jensen and I were recently discussing the relatively new (2000) activity of geocaching. This outdoor activity involves the locating of hidden caches, which may contain treasure, using a hand held GPS (Global Positioning System) device. A person first visits a computer geocaching site for an area they wish to search in (check out [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and enter your postal code). After signing up the person is given the GPS coordinates of hidden caches in the area selected. The person then uses their GPS device to arrive at the given site and then attempts to locate the cache which, if it contains treasure, can be as small as a jam jar or sandwich container (there are micro and nano size caches that only contain a rolled up paper log). Once the cache is discovered the object is to sign the log book, remove a treasure from the cache and replace it with one of your own treasures of equal or greater value. Then it is back to the website to log that you have found the cache. The person that originated the cache, as well as other geocachers, can then see the accumulated history of who has visited the site. The cycle goes on and on for as long as the originator (who can be anyone from the general public or a geocaching club) ensures that the cache remains active and does not have any issues such as water ingress or gone missing. The treasure has the potential to pass through many hands before ending up in some private collection. Geocachers refer to this treasure as SWAG (stuff we all get). Eric commented that perhaps a geocache might be a way to promote the hobby of wooden money collecting. We thought one possibility would be to issue a wooden token featuring the Associations name address and internet site. I advised I was aware of treasures consisting of geocoins and I also knew that some geocoins were wooden. This is as far as our conversation got as Eric was heading out on his bike to do some geocaching.

I subsequently opened a package received from Jim Smith of Woodencoin.com. The package contained eight wooden coins including five coins commissioned by Community Futures of Salmon Arm, B.C. Jim said the coins were ordered to promote the sport of Geocaching in the Shuswap area of British Columbia. Jim advised that 200 sets of 5 coins were manufactured. The coins are apparently made of Beetle Kill Pine Wood, are 42 mm in diameter and 4 mm thick. Jim advised he does not have any coins available but otherwise did not comment on availability. Photocopies of the woods are attached. All five coins feature a common reverse.

Jim also advised the contact for the issuer is: James Gjaltema, Community Futures – Shuswap 250-833-3111. James Gjaltema advised “The coins are being placed in geocaches and many are already in circulation. We only have 10 complete sets left. We may be able to sell some if there was interest. I have heard of a fair amount of custom wooden coins but as far as I know we are the first to do a series”.

James did not advise what the asking price might be.

James Gjaltema also provided the following information on Pine Beetle wood.

### **Pine Beetle Wooden Coins**

Around British Columbia the tiny pine beetle has had an enormous impact on our forests. You have probably noticed a significant amount of dead trees. The interior of British Columbia has an abundance of mature lodgepole pine which is prime habitat for these insects. Beetles live beneath the bark and cut off the tree's supply of nutrients, eventually killing it. They also carry a fungus which stains the wood blue or grey. Despite the discoloration, the wood remains as structurally sound as pine that has not been attacked and can still be used for high-quality products.

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The beetle is not a new to the area, however beetle populations in many parts of the province have increased to epidemic levels due to warmer temperatures over the past few years.

The infestation has peaked and is now slowing down, but the dead stands of pine pose a significant fire risk and safety hazard to populated areas.

In an effort to recover economic value from mountain pine beetle-attacked timber and to speed regeneration of affected areas, allowable annual cuts have been increased. In addition many new uses are being developed to extend the period of time that forest products can be manufactured from beetle-affected wood.

The unique wood, often with a visible tinge of grey or blue, is being used for custom furniture and other applications. Shuswap GeoQuest has created a series of 5 wooden coins made from surplus pine, killed by the beetle. These coins will be placed in geocaches around the Shuswap region. Look for a new design for Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring.

For more information on the Pine Beetle visit: [www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/mountain\\_pine\\_beetle/](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/mountain_pine_beetle/)

If you are aware of any other Canadian wooden Geo-cache coins please advise me at [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca), 403-273-6133 or at Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3C1

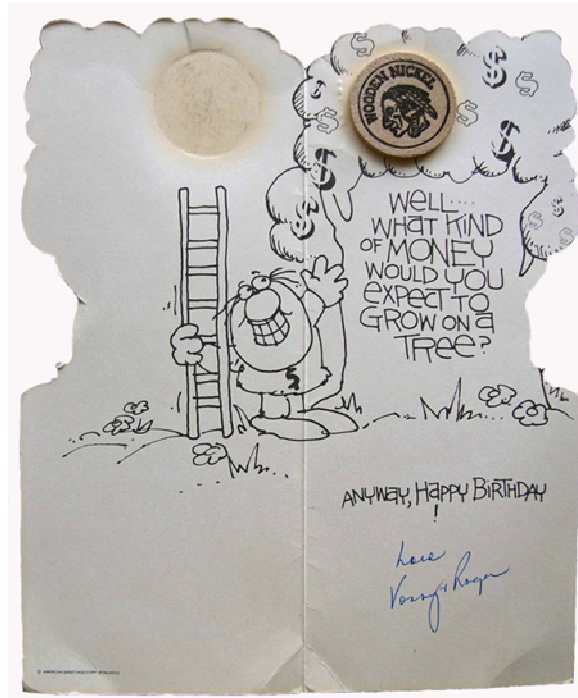
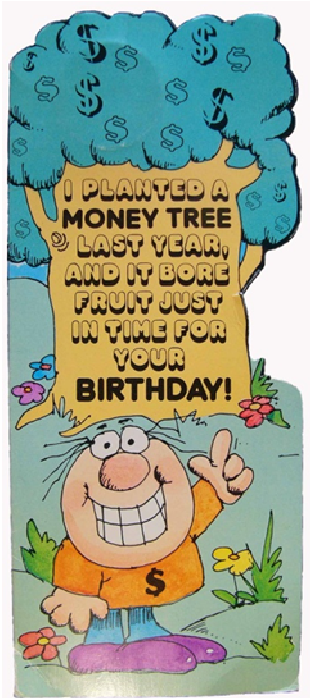


### Editors comments

The first wood shown is the common obverse for this series the next five are the different reverses. All woods are black print and 42mm in diameter. Eric Jensen has found several other Geocache woods and they will be featured in future issues of Timber Talk

**CLASSIC BIRTHDAY CARD** – Submitted by Eric Jensen (CAWMC #R499)

This classic birthday card was shown to me by former CAWMC member Mark Mogen. He was kind enough to loan it to me so that I could share it with those that have not seen it before. The copyright date on the card is MCMLXXXVIII (1978). Mark received it from relatives living in Houston, Texas. The side glued to the card appears to be blank.



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**POWMC Lighthouse Series VIII**  
**Lake Michigan Lighthouses, Part 2**

POWMC is releasing the lighthouses of Lake Michigan as a three part set of wooden nickels. This second part consists of 34 woods nickels. The cost is still only \$20.00 and the price includes shipping.



Also available  
 Lake Michigan part 1  
 of 34 Lighthouses  
 for \$20.00

Make cheques payable to POWMC and mail to:  
 Rich Boyles 734 Greenfield Road, Mercer, PA 16137

The ONA convention will be held in Kingston Ontario April 16—18, this year. The Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC will be holding a Wooden Money Meeting on Saturday at 2:00 to 4:00 everyone is welcome to attend. We will be having a show and tell along with a wooden money auction so come and bring a friend.



## 2010 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



<u>QTY.</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____	Main Registration .....	\$20.00	_____
	Includes Copper souvenir convention medal, admission to bourse, Program of events, Dream Vacation draw ticket, admission to Friday night reception, unlimited visits to the Hospitality Suite		
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	Includes all of the above with the exception of the Copper souvenir Medal		
_____	Young Numismatist Registration.....	\$ 5.00	_____
	Includes everything in the main registration kit with the exception of the Copper souvenir convention medal		
_____	Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar: 7:00 p.m. dinner).....	\$ 35.00	_____
	Includes full-course dinner and a keynote speaker to be named later		
_____	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free).....	\$ 2.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals – Brass (only 40 struck).	\$10.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - .999 silver (only 40 struck).....	\$40.00	_____
	(Note that Copper convention medals are not available for Sale – they are only included with the Main Registrations.)		

**TOTAL** (please make cheque payable to the "Ontario Numismatic Association 2010 Convention"). \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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